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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2823

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 42421 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2823, as amended, Ruskin. Air pollution: district compliance programs.

(1) Existing law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Existing law designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution, and air pollution control districts and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Existing law permits a district to establish by regulation a permit system, as provided. Existing law also requires each district with a population of one million or more to establish a compliance program consisting of specified elements, including procedures to ensure the consistent issuance of notices of compliance and notices of violations.

This bill would ~~require a district~~ *extend this compliance program to any district* that has a population of ~~one million~~ *500,000* or more, and

would require these districts, for any notice of violation of specified nuisance laws and regulations, to post a copy of the notice of violation on the district's Internet Web site, to notify other appropriate governmental entities and local agencies of the violation, to place a notice of the violation in a newspaper, and to post a laminated notice of the violation on each side of the violating facility, as specified, no more than 2 days after ensuring that the information on the notice is accurate, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42421 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 42421. Each district that has a population of ~~one million~~
4 500,000 or more shall do both of the following:
5 (a) Establish a compliance program that shall consist of all of
6 the following elements:
7 (1) Procedures to ensure the consistent issuance of notices of
8 compliance and notices of violations.
9 (2) A compliance assistance program to provide information to
10 small businesses with regard to statutes and district rules and
11 regulations to which they are subject and to assist them in
12 identifying the most efficient and least costly means of
13 complying with those statutes and rules and regulations.
14 (3) Settlement agreement procedures whereby persons who are
15 in violation of those statutes or district rules or regulations may
16 agree to take actions to improve air quality in lieu of paying
17 monetary fines or penalties.
18 (b) For any notice of violation of Section 41700 or any district
19 regulation for public nuisance, the district shall ~~post a copy of the~~
20 ~~notice of violation on the district's Internet Web site, no more~~
21 ~~than two days after ensuring that the information on the notice is~~

1 ~~accurate~~, no more than two days after ensuring that the
2 information on the notice is accurate, take all of the following
3 actions:

4 (1) Post a copy of the notice of violation on its Internet Web
5 site.

6 (2) Notify other appropriate governmental entities and local
7 agencies, including, but not limited to, the state board, and the
8 city or county and the school district where the violation
9 occurred, of the violation.

10 (3) Place a notice of the violation in English and in any other
11 language commonly spoken in the area where the violation
12 occurred, in a free, community based newspaper where possible,
13 or a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the
14 violation, if there are no free, community based newspapers.

15 (4) Post a laminated notice of the violation that is at least 24
16 inches by 24 inches in size and uses at least a 24 point font in a
17 prominent location on each side of the violator's facility that
18 faces a street or other area that is accessible to the public. This
19 notice shall be in a brightly colored font or on brightly colored
20 paper where possible, or both. If the facility is fenced, these
21 notices shall be attached to the fence on each side of the facility
22 that is visible to the public.

23 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
24 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
25 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
26 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
27 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of
28 Section 17556 of the Government Code.